

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims is provided for the convenience of the Examiner:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method of providing liquidity utilizing a liquidity vehicle, comprising:

receiving, by a computer server, registration information from an investment fund wanting to receive liquidity services from the liquidity vehicle for meeting financial obligations resulting from the redemption of at least one share of the investment fund;

determining, by the computer server, that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, wherein the net share outflow comprises the registered investment fund having an excess number of shares being redeemed, excluding shares redeemed by the liquidity vehicle, in comparison to a number of shares being purchased, excluding shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle, over a predetermined amount of time;

prompting, by the computer server in response to the determination that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, the registered investment fund to offer shares to the liquidity vehicle;

purchasing, by the computer server, at least one offered share of the registered investment fund with proceeds of the purchase going to the registered investment fund;

holding, by the computer server, the at least one purchased share in the liquidity vehicle for a period of time; and

redeeming, by the computer server, at least one of the at least one purchased share from the registered investment fund in response to a net inflow of shares of the registered investment fund.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer server is a liquidity vehicle server.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer server is a third party server.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one offered share is purchased prior to a next trading day after an occurrence of an outflow of shares of the registered investment fund.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the redeeming is performed prior to a next trading day following an occurrence of an inflow of shares of the registered investment fund.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the redeeming is performed within five trading days of an occurrence of an inflow of shares of the registered investment fund on a trading day.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a fee is charged by the liquidity vehicle in connection with the purchase of the at least one offered share.

9 (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the fee is determined through an auction.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the fee is determined through a Dutch auction.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the fee is determined by the liquidity vehicle.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a fee is charged by an entity other than the liquidity vehicle in connection with the purchase of the at least one offered share.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the period of time for holding the at least one purchased share does not exceed a period between the purchase of the at least one share by the liquidity vehicle and a date by which the at least one registered investment fund has experienced a net share inflow following the purchase equal to at least the number of shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the period of time for holding the at least one purchased share does not exceed a predetermined number of days more than a period between the purchase of the at least one share by the liquidity vehicle and a date by which the at least one registered investment fund has

experienced a net share inflow following the purchase equal to at least the number of shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for providing liquidity utilizing a liquidity vehicle, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory in communication with said processor, the memory storing instructions, which when executed by the processor cause the system to

store in the memory registration information from an investment fund wanting to receive liquidity services for meeting financial obligations resulting from the redemption of at least one share of the investment fund from the liquidity vehicle;

determine that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, wherein the net share outflow comprises the registered investment fund having an excess number of shares being redeemed, excluding shares redeemed by the liquidity vehicle, in comparison to a number of shares being purchased, excluding shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle, over a predetermined amount of time;

in response to the determination that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, prompt the registered investment fund to offer shares to the liquidity vehicle;

cause at least one offered share of the at least one registered investment fund to be purchased by the liquidity vehicle with proceeds of the purchase going to the investment fund;

cause the at least one purchased share in the liquidity vehicle to be held for a period of time; and

wherein the period of time for holding the at least one purchased share does not exceed a period between the purchase of the at least one share by the liquidity vehicle and a date by which the at least one registered investment fund has experienced a net share inflow following the purchase equal to at least the number of shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle.

16. (Previously Presented) A system for providing liquidity utilizing a liquidity vehicle, comprising:

means for registering with the liquidity vehicle an investment fund wanting to receive liquidity services for meeting financial obligations resulting from the redemption of at least one share of the investment fund;

means for determining that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, wherein the net share outflow comprises the registered investment fund having an excess number of shares being redeemed, excluding shares redeemed by the liquidity vehicle, in comparison to a number of shares being purchased, excluding shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle, over a predetermined amount of time;

means for prompting, in response to the determination that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, the registered investment to offer shares to the liquidity vehicle;

means for purchasing by the liquidity vehicle at least one offered share of the at least one registered investment fund with proceeds of the purchase going to the at least one registered investment fund;

means for holding the at least one purchased share in the liquidity vehicle for a period of time; and

wherein the period of time for holding the at least one purchased share does not exceed a period between the purchase of the at least one share by the liquidity vehicle and a date by which the at least one registered investment fund has experienced a net share inflow following the purchase equal to at least the number of shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle.

17. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions to cause a computer to perform a method comprising:

registering, with a liquidity vehicle, an investment fund wanting to receive liquidity services for meeting financial obligations resulting from the redemption of at least one share of the investment fund;

determining that the registered investment fund has a net share, wherein the net share outflow comprises the registered investment fund having an excess number of shares being redeemed, excluding shares redeemed by the liquidity vehicle, in comparison to a number of shares being purchased, excluding shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle, over a predetermined amount of time;

prompting, in response to the determination that the registered investment fund has a net share outflow, the registered investment fund to offer shares to the liquidity vehicle;

purchasing, for the liquidity vehicle, at least one offered share of the at least one registered investment fund with the proceeds of the purchase going to the at least one registered investment fund;

holding the at least one purchased share in the liquidity vehicle for a period of time; and

redeeming at least one of the at least one purchased share from the at least one registered investment fund in response to an occurrence of a net inflow of shares of the registered investment fund.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein a fee is charged by the liquidity vehicle in connection with the purchase of the at least one offered share, wherein the fee is determined through an auction.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

means for performing an auction to determine a fee to be charged by the liquidity vehicle in connection with the purchase of the at least one offered share.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein a fee is charged by the liquidity vehicle in connection with the purchase of the at least one offered share, wherein the fee is determined through an auction.

23. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein the period of time for holding the at least one purchased share does not exceed a period between the purchase of the at least one share by the liquidity vehicle and a date by which the at least one registered investment fund has experienced a net share inflow following the purchase equal to at least the number of shares purchased by the liquidity vehicle.